

REMARKS

By this Amendment, the objections raised in sections 1 and 2 of the Office Action are addressed. Claims 1-11 are pending.

Claims 1-11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Freund (U.S. Pub. 2003/0167405). Applicant traverses the rejection because Freund fails to disclose, teach or suggest all the features recited in the rejected claims. For example, Freund fails to disclose, teach or suggest the claimed method of detecting a location for a personal firewall of a client computer, said method including “determining the current location of said personal firewall based on an Internet Protocol (IP) address currently used by said client computer, and verifying the current location determined on the basis of the current IP address of said client computer by carrying out a location verification procedure with a predetermined network element,” as recited in independent claim 1 and its dependent claims.

Further, Freund fails to disclose, teach or suggest the claimed computer terminal including a personal firewall having a mechanism “monitoring the current location of said personal firewall based on a Internet Protocol (IP) address currently used by said computer terminal” and a mechanism “verifying the current location determined on the basis of the current IP address of said client computer by carrying out a location verification procedure with a predetermined network element,” as recited in independent claim 10. Similarly, Freund fails to disclose, teach or suggest the claimed computer-readable medium, containing a computer software which, when executed in a computer device, causes “determining the current location of said personal firewall based on an Internet Protocol (IP) address currently used by said client computer, and verifying the current location determined on the basis of the current IP address of said client computer by carrying out a location verification procedure with a predetermined network element,” as recited in independent claim 11.

Freund merely discloses a mobile computing device comprising a personal firewall as a security measure. The mobile device profiles the network it is connected to by collecting a number of items of information about the network to uniquely identify that specific network (see paragraph [0078], referred to by the Office Action). After that identification, the network may be included as part of user’s trusted zone. Security settings are defined in the personal firewall for the network and applied next time(s) the device is connected to that network.

However, Freund fails to disclose, teach or suggest the claimed determination of the current location of the personal firewall based on an Internet Protocol (IP) address currently used by a client computer, and verification of the current location determined based on the

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current IP address of the client computer by carrying out a location verification procedure with a predetermined network element. Thus, claims 1-10 are patentable over the teachings of Freund.

All rejections and objections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance, and a notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. Should there be any questions or concerns regarding this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Please charge any fees associated with the submission of this paper to Deposit Account Number 033975. The Commissioner for Patents is also authorized to credit any over payments to the above-referenced Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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